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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 10 December 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US 7,284,259 B1 to Takeda et al.

Regarding claim 1, Takeda discloses a networked image data transmitting apparatus comprising:

an image data obtaining section configured to obtain image data (source device, STB 2, camera 3, receiver 4/5 column 4, lines 2-14);

at least one networked image forming apparatus configured to receive the image data and to form an image (column 4, lines 26-43); and

a serial bus configured to transmit the image data from the image data obtaining section to the at least one networked image forming apparatus in a broadcast like communication manner (column 3, lines 54-column 4, line 2).

Regarding claim 2, Takeda discloses a networked image forming apparatus connected to a serial bus (figures 2/6),

comprising: an image data receiving section configured to receive image data from a networked image data transmitting apparatus via the serial bus in a broadcast like communication manner (column 3, lines 54-column 4, line 2); and

an image forming section configured to form an image in accordance with the image data (column 4, lines 26-43).

Regarding claim 3, Takeda discloses a networked image transmission and formation control apparatus (figures 2/6) comprising:

a controller configured to transmit data to at least one networked image forming apparatus via a serial bus in a broadcast like communication manner to form an image with the at least one networked image forming apparatus in accordance with the image data (column 3, lines 54-column 4, line 2, 46-43).

Regarding claims 4-7, Takeda discloses the use of a controller configured to transmit data via an IEEE 1394 serial bus (figure 4, bus interface 17) which transmits image data over one of an isochronous and asynchronous stream (column 7, lines 19-51).

Regarding claims 8-11, Takeda discloses a networked image transmission and formation control apparatus configured to transmit the image data to the at least one

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networked image forming apparatus via the serial bus in the broadcast like communication manner (source device, STB 2, camera 3, receiver 4/5 column 4, lines 2-14, column 7, lines 19-51),

the networked image transmission formation control apparatus a separate unit from the image data obtaining section and the at least one networked image forming apparatus (figure 10, producer/consumer device, figure 12, bounce diagram between consumer and producer showing communications setup/transfers).

Regarding claims 12-13, Takeda discloses a method of transmitting image data from a first node to a second node in a network (figures 10, 12, 13) comprising:

obtaining image data from the first node ((source device, STB 2, camera 3, receiver 4/5 column 4, lines 2-14, column 7, lines 19-51);
transmitting the image data to the second node via an IEEE1394 serial bus using one of isochronous transfer and asynchronous stream (column 7, lines 19-51);
and controlling the second node to form an image in accordance with the image data (column 8, lines 41-59).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hunter B. Lonsberry whose telephone number is (571)272-7298. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday during normal business hours.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Miller can be reached on 571-272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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